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REPORTS HITHERTO RECEIVED SHOW THAT THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES DURING SUNDAY NIGHT'S ATTACKS ON LONDON WERE A LITTLE GREATER THAN ON RECENT NIGHTS BUT MUCH LESS THAN IN THE FIRST ATTACKS ON THE CAPITAL, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE, WHICH ADDS THAT OUTSIDE L O N D O N CASUALTIES WERE VERY FEW BUT SOME WERE FATAL.

It is now known that two enemy bombers were shot down by our fighters during the night. There has been little enemy activity during the day.

At about 8 a.m. a force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast in cloudy conditions but was turned back by anti-aircraft fire without encountering our fighters.

Later in the day enemy aircraft, singly or in small numbers, crossed the coast at several points. A few bombs were dropped in various parts of the city but damage is reported to be slight and the number of casualties were small.

Meanwhile the fifth air raid warning of the day sounded in the London area at 8.10 p.m.

FRENCH 'PLANE SHOOT'S DOWN R.A.F. CRAFT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A French plane shot down a British sea-plane which was alleged to be flying over French territorial waters outside Casablanca, it was reported in Rabat, Morocco, yesterday.

All three occupants of the R.A.F. machine were rescued. — Havas.

FOG IN CHANNEL

The English Channel was blanketed with fog early this morning. There is a strong breeze and the sea is very choppy. — Reuters.

POSTPONED?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") An article in the Rome paper "Regione Fascista" suggests that Germany may postpone the invasion of Britain until next year. — Havas.

Bombs In London Area

Bombs were dropped in the London area during the last of four warnings which were sounded in the city during yesterday.

Three brief alarms followed each other rapidly in the morning while enemy planes were also reported in south-east, north-east and north-west England.

Very heavy A.A. fire and machine-gunning was heard during the fourth warning, and in one area a woman was killed and three children injured, and a policeman buried beneath debris. Several formations of enemy aircraft were turned back over the south-east coast by R.A.F. fighter patrols.

No incidents were reported during the morning alarms. The London barrage last night was more intense than on any previous night.

Gunfire was practically continuous for the first hour of the raid and planes appeared to be coming over quickly one after the other.

Vicious Thwack

Quick-firing guns were particularly lively and vicious, their double thwack and sharp echoes sending stragglers scurrying through the streets with frequent upward cautious glances.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East and north-east winds, fresh; fair to showery.

IRON GUARD STATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Rumania is now well started on her new career in the orbit of Rome-Berlin axis.

An official decree was read by all priests in Rumanian churches yesterday announcing that the country is now an "Iron Guard State."

It will be run on "Iron Guard" lines and the army will be mechanised in accordance with modern methods. — Havas.

NO SUN FOR THREE WEEKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Residents on the slopes of Mount Aso, in Kyushu, have not seen the sun since August 24 when the volcano started belching fine hot ashes, according to the Tokyo press to-day.

The volcano previously had been dormant for 53 years but woke up on August 24 and has continued ever since. Ashes are said to be ruining crops, depriving them of necessary sunshine. — Havas.

"CLARE" RUMOURS DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") American reports that the British trans-Atlantic flying-boat "Clare" is missing on a flight to Newfoundland, Newfoundland, are officially denied. Official London quarters say that she is "quite safe." — Havas.



The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, flew to the East Coast to inspect defences. Mr. Winston Churchill greets General Beck with Smith on his arrival at the airport. (Copyright, Fox).

FLOOD HAVOC IN SWITZERLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Floods are wreaking havoc in many parts of Switzerland and major damage has been done especially to roads and railways.

The railway line between Montreux and the Bernese Oberland has been cut off. Army engineers had to destroy a bridge, against which an enormous amount of wreckage had been piled up by the rushing waters and which was weakening under the strain.

Major damage occurred on roads in the Jura district especially in the region of La Chaux-de-Fonds, famous for its watch industries.

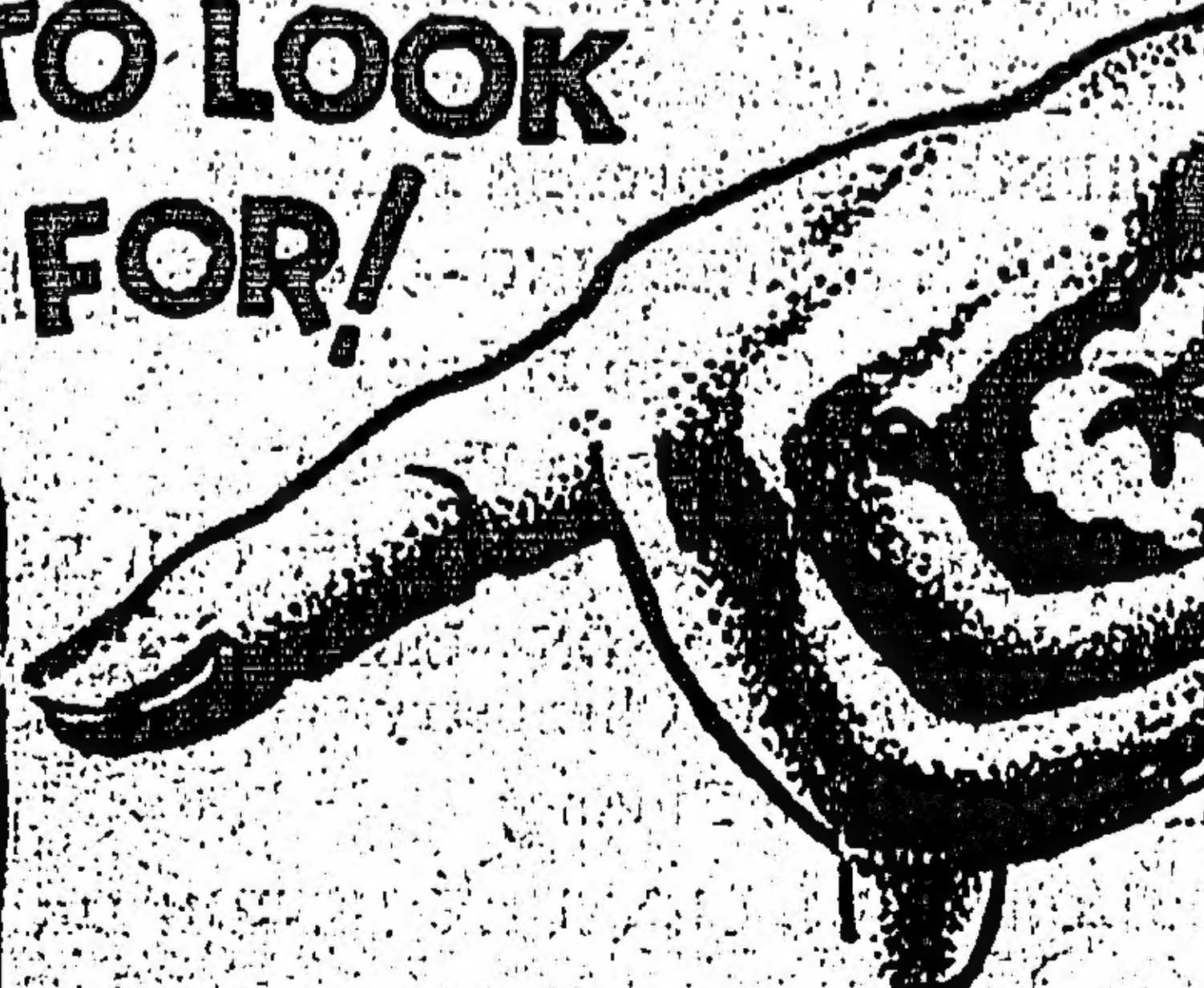
In the Vaud canton crops were seriously damaged. Torrential rains resulted in a rise in the level of the Rhine of six feet.

In Aargau canton almost all rail traffic has been interrupted and travellers are using motor-buses. — Havas.

DEMAND FOR FLOUR

In order to meet the greatly increased demand for flour during the Mid-Autumn Festival, 30,000 bags of Hsichow wheat and flour have been imported into Peiping in the past few days. Flour is selling in Peiping at \$15.30 a bag. — Havas.

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RUMANIA CRAWLS TO SOVIET

THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROHIBITED RUMANIAN AIRCRAFT FROM FLYING OVER TERRITORY BORDERING THE RUSSO-RUMANIA DEMARCATION LINE, ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN RADIO.

Rumania has also instructed frontier troops not to use arms except in a case of deliberate violation of Rumanian territory.

A statement to this effect was contained in the Rumanian Note replying to the Soviet protest of August 28.

The Note says the Rumanian Government is inspired by a desire to maintain friendly and neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

THE BALL GAME—NEW VERSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

JAPANESE BASEBALL UMPIRES, ARBITERS OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST POPULAR SPORT, ARE BUSY LEARNING THE JAPANESE EQUIVALENTS OF TYPICAL AMERICAN EXPRESSIONS SUCH AS "PLAY BALL" AND "STRIKE".

The Japanese Professional Baseball Federation has decided to eliminate from the game foreign expressions, "in keeping with the trend of the times."

The Federation has also decided that players' uniforms be more sober in colour, with the names of the teams written in Japanese instead of Roman letters.

Furthermore, foreigners will not be allowed to play on Japanese teams in future. —Havas.

GOOD NEWS!

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BERLIN BOMBED: R.A.F. FIELD DAY OVER GERMANY

CONTINUING THEIR VIRTUALLY NON-STOP RAIDS ON GERMANY AND GERMAN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY, THE R.A.F. ON SUNDAY NIGHT CARRIED OUT A HARASSING ATTACK ON BERLIN, WHERE MILITARY OBJECTIVES WERE BOMBED, AND ALSO SEVERELY PUNISHED THE CHANNEL PORTS AND ANTWERP, WHERE THE WORK OF DESTRUCTION OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT WAS CONTINUED WITH DEVASTATING EFFECT.

The Air Ministry news service, describing the attack on Berlin, which was carried out in the early hours of the morning, states the Nazi capital was visited by a harassing force which bombed military objectives to the north-west of the city, the Tempelhof airport and power stations which had been damaged in previous raids.

The raiders, whose visits gave Berliners their first two alarms in one night, met with the usual fierce anti-aircraft fire but none of our aircraft was hit.

Thunderstorms over the city ship in the Elbe Estuary were severely damaged. The engine of one bomber attacking Tempelhof airport to cut out as the crew were approaching the target.

Continuing his run the pilot unloaded his bombs on the aerodrome and, flying at 5,000 feet, succeeded in maintaining this height on only one engine for 45 minutes until the second engine picked up.

Invasion bases on the Dutch, Belgian and French coasts were again the chief objectives of Sunday night's raids.

Antwerp Havoc

The night's heaviest attacks were directed against the docks at Antwerp (as on the night before), where great fleets of barges and many ships have been accumulated during recent weeks.

The raid began at 10.30 p.m. and was kept up for nearly three hours.

Favoured by bright moonlight in the early stages of the attack the bombers, despite fierce opposition by the ground defences, got through to their objectives and played havoc.

Mass Of Flames

Barges struck and set ablaze exploded in flashes of flame which lit up the whole docks. By 12.30 a.m. one of the main wharves was a mass of flames and other growing fires could be seen in all parts of the docks.

Still the attack went on, later aircraft straddling the dock basins, jetties and shipping.

An hour later, when the last raider had left the blazing dock, the glow of fires could be seen many miles out to sea.

At Ostend, shipping and docks were subjected to a series of intermittent raids by heavy and medium bombers over a period of four hours, during which what appeared to be a large transport vessel was struck and immediately caught fire.

Railways Attacked

The official Air Ministry communique on the night's operations states military objectives in Berlin were bombed and further heavy attacks were made on the concentration of war supplies, barges and shipping at dockyards and ports at Hamburg, Wilhelmshaven, Antwerp, Flushing, Ostend, Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne.

Other forces of R.A.F. bombers attacked distribution centres at Hamburg, Ostend, Soest and direct hits were seen on a pier at Krefeld, goodsyards at Hamburg and a railway junction at Rheine. A direct hit was made on an enemy warship off Terschelling while in oil tanker and a supply

Convoy Bombed

Coastal Command aircraft sank an enemy supply ship off IJmuiden.

Convoys off the Dutch coast were also attacked. Two supply ships were sunk and others severely damaged.

Attacks were also made on shipping and docks at Le Havre where ships alongside the quays and the quays themselves were repeatedly hit.

From these extensive and successful operations all our aircraft returned safely.

Hudsons' Feats

Giving further details of the raids later, the Air Ministry news service says the German supply ship sunk at anchor at IJmuiden was a 5,000-tonner.

In regard to the attacks on German convoys and shipping concentrations on the Channel coast, the statement says the first convoy was attacked off the Dutch coast by Hudson aircraft which dived on the nearest large ship and sank it with bombs.

Then a Hudson pilot machine-gunned an armed trawler and thoroughly machine-gunned an E-boat which was escorting the convoy.

The second German convoy was stationary off the Dutch coast when it was attacked by another patrolling Hudson at dawn. The pilot dived on one ship in the semi-darkness and let go three bombs one of which at least struck home, for the Hudson was peppered with splinters from the ship, which is believed to have been sunk.

Waves Of Blenheims

The attacks on concentrations of German vessels in Channel ports were made by waves of Blenheims. Two ships were damaged when Blenheims attacked a convoy off Sangatte, near Calais, but the main attack was reserved for Le Havre where pilots of the first wave of Blenheims saw four large ships moored alongside a deep-water quay.

Repeated salvos of bombs struck squarely on the quay and there were fires when the Blenheims flew away.

Pilots in the second wave made their attack in bright moonlight which clearly outlined the quays beside which were dark shadows.

Amid intense A.A. fire the Blenheims dived over the harbour and bombed systematically.

Bombs burst among ships and direct hits were seen on a pier and quays.

Damaged ships and shattered masonry and storehouses were the results of the bombing. Repeated salvos of bombs were seen on an enemy warship off Terschelling while in oil tanker and a supply

GOEBBELS PLAYS AN OLD TUNE

"The British campaign will be settled in a very few weeks and the offensive against the islands will last only three weeks or a month."

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels is reported in the Madrid newspaper "ABC" yesterday to have said this to Belgian correspondents.

The newspaper says his words had no official or semi-official echo because they were uttered privately.—Reuter.

NEW WAGES REGULATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A new set of wage regulations are receiving the finishing touches by the Japanese Finance Ministry before enforcement next Wednesday, when the decree of September 18 last, freezing wages, rents and prices, expires.

Chief feature of the new regulations will be the establishment of a fixed starting salary for college graduates ranging between 65 and 75 yen a month, with annual bonuses totalling between seven and nine months' salaries, states the "Asahi." Graduates of middle schools will receive a starting salary of 40 yen. Graduates to technical schools will be allowed an extra 10 yen a month.—Havas.

7,000,000 IN TOKYO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The population of Tokyo now exceeds seven million, according to estimates published by the Metropolitan Police Board yesterday. This represents an increase of 180,000 over last year. The population of Osaka is given as 4,874,847 and Nagoya 1,317,100.—Havas.

ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New decrees affecting Jews in Rumania are being drafted by the Iron Guard, the only existing political group in the country. The measures are expected to be much more severe than the anti-Jewish decrees adopted a few weeks ago.—Havas.

HITLER'S INVASION PLANS RETARDED

Intensified R.A.F. Attacks On Germany Being Felt

Encouraging Factors

THE INTENSIFIED R.A.F. ATTACKS ON GERMAN INVASION BASES AND FEEDING LINES ARE CONSIDERED IN LONDON TO HAVE SERIOUSLY RETARDED COMPLETION OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR INVASION OF THE BRITISH ISLES, WRITES THE PRESS ASSOCIATION AIR CORRESPONDENT.

Should an invasion be attempted it is recognised that Britain must expect an attack on inland centres and towns on a more formidable scale than has so far been made.

Not only has material destruction been wrought at invasion ports and elsewhere by Britain's bombers but some confusion caused in the necessarily complex administrative arrangements.

The loading and marshalling of men and the embarkation of the right men and materials in the right boats and barges has been disorganised. All this, however, has not prevented altogether an increase in the German concentrations.

In the longer view of the air war, other factors brought out in London yesterday are very encouraging to Britain.

There is reason to believe, writes the correspondent, that Germany cannot maintain her present rate of aircraft production during a long period of sustained operations.

Demoralising Effect

The big losses she suffers whenever her air force comes over England in force must have an increasingly demoralising effect on personnel. Oil depots, as well as plants for producing synthetic oil and high grade lubricants, which have been attacked unceasingly by the R.A.F., are objectives of paramount importance.

As soon as she has exhausted the 7,500,000 tons of oil she is thought to have plundered from German-occupied countries—not many months hence—Germany's difficulties over oil will be intensified.

There is little doubt that oil she can get from Rumania and Russia will be far short of her minimum requirements from abroad.

Supply Route Strained

While the British Fleet remains in the eastern Mediterranean the bulk of supplies from these two countries must go via the Danube or by rail, which imposes a drastic limitation on the quantity it is possible to obtain.

R.A.F. attacks on railway and canal communications throw more and more traffic on the roads, producing an ever increasing strain on the supply route to the front.

Successes reaped by the R.A.F. against all these military objectives are believed to be demoralising the German people quite as effectively as if Britain indulged in the indiscriminate bombing of civilians.—Reuter.

BELGIAN GOVT. DISSOLVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT RESIDING IN FRANCE HAS DECIDED TO DISSOLVE ITSELF.

Some of the Belgian Ministers will remain in France as private individuals while others will go abroad.

The decision is connected with the French suppression of the diplomatic missions of countries occupied by Germany.—Havas.

DUKE OF WINDSOR'S MESSAGE

The Duke of Windsor, in a message to the King and Queen after the bombing of Buckingham Palace, expressed on behalf of the Government and people of the Bahamas his "deep sense of relief for the escape of Your Majesties from the recent grave danger to which you have been exposed."

Similar messages have been received from all parts of the Colonial Empire.—Reuter.



THE QUEEN VISITS FOOD DEPOT — Her Majesty the Queen recently visited a Ministry of Food depot in the Home Counties. Photo shows the Queen chatting to plum pickers during her visit. (Copyright, Fox).

EXILES RETURN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Many members of the Iron Guard who have been in exile in Germany returned to Rumania yesterday.

They included the wife and daughter of Cornelius Codreanu, the Iron Guard leader, who was shot by the Rumanian police last year allegedly while trying to escape from the van in which he was being transferred from one prison to another.—Havas.

NOVICE BAGGED PALACE RAIDER

THE BRITISH Sergeant-Pilot who shot down the German plane that bombed Buckingham Palace yesterday was on his first flight.

His formation were at 17,000 feet when they saw 30 Dorniers coming towards London, he said yesterday.

"His" Dornier took all that he could get in Chelsea and fell into the garden in his back.—Reuter.

EXECUTIVE YUAN ORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Executive Yuan in Chungking is to issue an order prohibiting the name "Moslem race" in reference to Chinese of Mohammedan faith. The term has been the cause of several racial disputes.—Havas.

THE TYPHOON

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is centred over Manchuria and covers the whole of China and Japan. The typhoon is situated about 200 miles west of the Bonins, moving northward.

PRAISE FROM MR. CHURCHILL

The exploits of the Fighter Command are praised in the following message sent by Mr. Churchill to the Air Minister for the Fighter Command:

"Aided by squadrons of their Czech and Polish comrades, using only a small proportion of their total strength and under cloud conditions of some difficulty, they cut to rags and tatters three separate waves of a murderous assault upon the civil population of their native land, inflicting an ascertained loss of 123 bombers and 53 fighters upon the enemy, to say nothing of probables and damaged, while they themselves sustained only the loss of 12 pilots and 25 machines.

"These results exceed all expectations and give a just and sober confidence in the approaching struggle." — Reuter.

STEADY STOCK MARKET

The undertone on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was steady despite the quietness of trading. The movements of most groups were within a narrow range but Triplex Safety Glass advanced sharply from 13/9 to 17/6 ex-dividend on the view that the recent big decline was excessive. Wall Street was very firm.—Reuter.

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CONSCRIPTION BECOMES LAW IN THE UNITED STATES

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, at a brief ceremony at the White House in Washington yesterday, signed the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill by which some 16,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 35 become liable to military service.

In a proclamation accompanying the measure President Roosevelt announced that the Registration date would be October 16.

Simultaneously the President issued the following statement: "America has adopted selective service in time of peace and in doing so she has broadened and enriched her basic conception of citizenship."

"Besides the clear Democratic ideal of equal rights, equal privileges and equal opportunities we have set forth other duties obligations and responsibilities of equal service."

900,000 By The Spring

"In thus providing for the national defence we have not carved a new and uncharted trail in the history of our Democratic institutions, we have merely reasserted an old and accepted principle of Democratic Government."

The first contingent of 75,000 men will be in uniform about a month after the nation-wide registration is completed.

Subsequent quotas will be called up in batches of 100,000 or 125,000 men, to reach a total of 400,000 by January, and 900,000 by the Spring.

The new law also provides for the conscription of industry to the extent that Government may take over factories on a rental basis whenever it is considered necessary. — Reuter.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

The case in which Ho Wai-chan, 24, married woman, is charged with uttering three \$10 forged notes of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at 1,020, Canton Road, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when she was committed for trial.

Det. Sgt. W. G. Morrison prosecuted. She was alleged to have uttered three forged notes on different dates within one week at the place and was arrested on the third occasion. She denied that she had uttered the other two forged notes, but admitted the third one. She reserved her statement this morning.

REFUGEES FOR MEXICO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The wholesale emigration of Spanish refugees to Mexico is being actively organised by the Mexican Legation at Vichy in cooperation with the French authorities. Three committees are engaged on the task and the first batch of refugees will be embarked shortly. — Havas.

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SINGAPORE AN IMPREGNABLE FORT TO-DAY

ONE OF THE chief defences of Singapore is the fact that it has no enemy within several thousand miles.

That fact does not allow the scale of its defences to be reduced in any way, but it does mean that a completely unexpected attack — a bolt from the blue — is highly improbable, if not impossible. And it also means that the difficulties of an attacker are very great.

Attacks on defended bases have in the past often been delivered from across an ocean; many examples in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in the American continent will occur to all. But military expeditions to-day are very much less self-supporting than they were in the days of Vernon or Wolfe. Whether naval or military they need a constant service of supply, and to maintain such a service over a distance of 3,000 miles is a tremendous task on resources of even a first-class maritime power.

Large Calibre Guns

There have been defences at Singapore for a century past; but it was only when, in 1923, the establishment there of a modern naval base was undertaken that it became necessary to raise the scale of the defences to that of a first-class fortress, able to hold its own in the face of attacks of any magnitude.

This entailed the installation, it is understood, of guns of the heaviest calibre capable of making it impossible even for heavily armoured ships-of-war to approach close enough to support by their gunfire any attempt at the capture of the island.

No details of these guns, of course, have been made public; but they have often been described in articles, in both British and American periodicals, by writers who profess to have some inside information about them. Most of them describe the biggest guns as being of large calibre.

Other guns of varying calibres are said to be mounted at various places, and there is no doubt that, whatever their actual calibre, Singapore is as strongly defended as any island fortress in the world.

The defences have been developed gradually over a period of fifteen years, during which the naval dockyard has been under construction. They include not only guns covering the seaward approaches, but also an adequate garrison of both military and air units.

The R.A.F.

Besides the highly developed civil air port close to Singapore city, there is the Royal Air Force base on the north side of the island, facing the Johore Strait, not far from the naval base itself. Four years ago it was stated that the Service population of the island — an unenviable, very

Singapore, including the men of the naval base, air force and the garrison numbered, with their dependants, some 12,000. It is probably considerably larger now. The increase of the garrison has, of course, necessitated the provision of barracks to house it. The chief of these are the Gillman barracks, near the city overlooking Keppel Harbour, and the Changi Barracks at the eastern end of the island.

These are of modern design and provide every comfort such as is necessary to make life in a tropical island tolerable, even possible, for a European garrison. For that purpose, too, elaborate sanitary and anti-malaria arrangements have been necessary to provide for the health of the men, and the transformation of a tropical swamp into a healthy garrison station has been a very remarkable achievement.

Combined Exercises

Every year, for some years past, elaborate combined exercises have taken place at Singapore in which all three services have taken part. In these, the garrison at its existing strength has represented the Army, the Air Forces stationed at Singapore on some occasions have been reinforced from India, or from even farther away, for the period of the exercises of the Navy, the ships of both the East Indies and China Fleets have taken part, some of them usually playing the part of an enemy attacking the colony.

In August last year and during the first two months of the war, Singapore, like the rest of the world, was hard at work bringing its defences up to a state of complete readiness. Additional defence works were erected, various activities were undertaken along the water front, and local volunteer services were embodied and exercised in their wartime duties of minesweeping, local patrols and the like.

This activity slackened off at the end of October, when it appeared that there was little probability at the moment of the war spreading to that part of the world. But they were resumed last month, when tension appeared to be increasing in the Far East.

A communique issued on July 1 informed the inhabitants at Singapore that further defence works were being put in hand and that it would be necessary for several of the shark-proof bathing centres on the south coast of the island — an unenviable, very

BE CAREFUL, HERMANN!

Field-Marshal Goering, who is directing the operations of Hitler's air fleets against the British Isles, on Sunday night set out from France, piloting himself in a German bomber, to take a flight over London.

This is according to a claim by the German news agency. — Reuter.

ALL QUIET IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA

Reports that air passenger and mail services between Hanoi and Kunming had been interrupted were denied in Chungking yesterday by the Ministry of Communications, which stated that the air service between China and French Indo-China was continuing as usual.

It is further stated that not only are the Sino-American China National Aviation Corporation machines now operating on the service between Hanoi and Kunming but the Chinese-German Eurasia Corporation are presently operating services over the same lines. Chinese reports from the French colony indicate everything is quiet and that no Japanese troops have landed. — Reuter.

MASSACRE BY THE R.A.F.

DURING THE SECOND ATTACK ON LONDON ON SUNDAY AT ABOUT 2 P.M. A FORMATION OF HURRICANES SAW 400 GERMAN MACHINES COMING FROM THE SOUTHEAST TOWARDS THE CAPITAL. THEY WERE FLYING IN GROUPS OF NINE, THREE BY THREE LIKE A SERGEANT'S STRIPES.

The Hurricanes, which raced to the attack, also saw Messerschmidt fighters flying overhead at 35,000 feet.

They shot down 10 Germans while other squadrons did the same thing and in a short time the tight German formation was broken up and scattered all over the sky.

Much of the flying was in clear sunshine 4,000 feet above thick clouds, and the German planes were being brought down in ones, twos and threes, some of them being chased down into the sea. — Reuter.

A LUCKY ESCAPE

A FAMILY IN A SOUTH-EAST TOWN HAD A VERY LUCKY ESCAPE DURING A GERMAN AIR RAID ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

They had just completed the erection of their Anderson shelter that evening and when the alarm sounded they went into it.

A short while later, a bomb demolished their house, but the shelter was untouched on the edge of the crater and no one was hurt. — Reuter.

welcome to Europeans living in the tropics — would have to be replaced by barbed wire entanglements, which would preclude their use by the public for bathing.

There must, of course, have been many more preparations than those of which public notice was thus given, and it may be taken now for granted that the defences of Singapore make it as nearly impregnable to attack as any fortress in the world.



THE VILLAINS OF THE PIECE

The argument that nations that are now Great Powers would be happier if they accepted a more modest place in the world has recently attracted a good deal of interest and support. The case of Sweden is often cited. Is she not a happier and more self-respecting people than she was in the great days of Gustavus Adolphus? The Dutch have less of the character of a Great Power to-day than they had in the seventeenth century. But any man might have been proud to be a Dutchman after the decline of the Dutch ascendancy. Many who discussed this thesis overlooked a truth that has now been rudely forced on their notice. Neither Sweden nor Holland could have lived as they lived in the nineteenth century if there had been no restraint, either in the system of the balance of power or in the strength of the British Navy, on the aggressive instincts of great States. Still less was such a life possible for them after the development of mechanical warfare. If France were now to reorganise her life on a simpler scale and to drop any attempt to maintain military power, she would be at the mercy of Germany. In other words, whether she seeks to modify or to increase her ambitions, to relax or to grow, she has to suit herself to the plans of Germany. What follows? It follows that her great mistake, as it was the great mistake of our political leaders, with a few distinguished exceptions, was to miss the opportunity given her by the creation of the League of Nations. The moulding and remoulding of the life of any State that cannot hold its own by sheer military strength is no longer in its own hands. The map of Europe to-day makes that clear to the dullest mind. It should have been clear after 1918. Neither Britain nor France can abate their strength and keep their independence except on one condition, the creation of some collective authority behind whose shelter all peoples can develop their own institutions. Post-war France was more vulnerable than Britain, and to this extent the folly of her statesmen was even greater than the folly of ours. The



England, with all thy faults I love thee still! (Cowper)

New Constitution Of France

The new Government, imposed on France under the threat of mechanised Prussian divisions, announces that she is to have the benefit of a new constitution. Having abolished the old constitution, her Government concocts a new one, which is to put force on a lasting basis. M. Baudouin, in his pose as "Thinker" about to step into Talleyrand's shoes, calls this "taking firm hold of the reins" by an Executive "strong enough to subdue all demagogues," and says that what France needs now is "bold reasoning and high thinking." Hitherto, France eschewed it all, having been too blind to realise that these maxims embodied the four cardinal virtues, but Marshal Pétain and his elect are now determined to make her happy after their own fashion.

There ought to be twelve of these apostles but there are thirteen—an ominous figure, and we may well ask who will prove the Judas among them. But do not let us anticipate for fear of discouraging him. One of these apostles has been made Minister of Labour, probably for the purpose of liquidating the French T.U.C. (C.G.T.), where he worked

villains of the piece are not the men who wanted France to keep her word in September, 1938, and again in September, 1939, but men like M. Laval himself, who intrigued against the League of Nations and undermined its strength. No man did more than he to bring France to disaster. If France had broken her word last year she would not have escaped her present servitude. If, on the other hand, she had used all her influence to make the League of Nations a power, she would have kept her own freedom, as she would have assured their freedom to the other peoples of Europe.

as Assistant Secretary. His chief claim to distinction is to have been always a defeatist, from the very start. To judge by those personally known to me, they have all been more or less ready to capitulate at any time.

No Right To Vote

To judge by their statements, the guiding principle of their plan is the complete abolition of the right to vote. M. Baudouin calls this quaintly "the constructive genius of a small number of men" destined to regenerate France but impossible to find among the "mere numbers of electoral bodies"; a plausible enough statement, but hardly sufficient to condemn universal suffrage.

If French suffrage and French Parliamentarianism as a whole have admittedly been vitiated by

By Elie-J. Bois

Formerly Editor of the "Petit Parisien"

electioneering abuses, this hardly justified complete abolition instead of a wise reform. The trouble is, of course, that reform would give suffrage a new lease of life, whereas these new leaders want to kill it. From their point of view, they are right; they know that a nation free to vote would sweep them out of office with contempt. Hence their need for a Parliament of Yes-men, on the Fascist model; as a superelection they also plan to replace the French Departments by twelve Provinces. The old system admittedly produced some anomalies that resisted the passage of time but, on the whole, it worked smoothly.

There is an ulterior motive behind all this—to reduce the influence of Paris and convince partisans of centralisation, like Charles Maurras, that regionalism is what France needs—so she may be held the more firmly in hand through carefully selected governors.

Putting Back The Clock

Prophecy is a thankless task in these uncertain days—yet I will venture to predict, at the risk of incurring the displeasure of the thirteen great men, that their work cannot last and will crumble

WAR EFFORT, 1940

Britain stood as a fortress, when in at her gates there came

A band of beautiful strangers with shields and helms of flame—

The ghosts of all the heroes who ever for Britain stood,

King Arthur and Guy of Warwick, brave Richard and Robin Hood,

They said: "We have come to ask you, in the name of our great St. George,

Could you do with extra swordsmen, or a few spare hands at the forge?"

As they spoke they stared around them; awe took the place of doubt:

They saw the tanks move forward and the dawn patrols go out,

They saw the searchlights hidden in every summer glade,

How the six-inch guns were mounted and how the shells were made.

Then the phantoms smiled together; they said: "We might have known!

Sons of our battle brothers can handle this thing alone.

They only need our blessing, they share the faith we hold,

Their hands are just as steady and their hearts are just as bold.

We can go home to Heaven with a wonderful tale to tell

How latter-day sons and daughters are guarding the kingdom well!"

GRETA BRIGGS.

at the first jolt, like the house of often in his defence); and M. cards it is. They cannot put the Pierre Laval, whose judgment has clock back. Or are they indeed been obscured by ambition, all the simple enough to dream of court-rest are misfits, nonentities, or sing the few Royalists still left? If just turncoats; how can they pre- the Court of Paris saw his way to sume to set themselves up as in- enter the capital to-morrow, he would hardly consult any of the men who besmirched their names by signing the capitulation or ap- proving of it; at least, I will do him the honour to assume that he would remember his ancestor who thought Paris well worth a Mass, and himself would consider it well worth a Parliament to receive the keys of the Louvre.

These poor benighted beings do not realise that their grand vision- ary structure will be built on sand. Apart from Marshal Pétain, but is there one among these thirteen great men, that their work cannot last and will crumble

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"Fred Allen may be lurking in there," Jack Benny explains as he vigorously sprays the germicide. This will indicate that the rivalry between the two comedians is as bitter as ever in Benny's newest picture, "Buck Benny Rides Again," opening on Sunday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

GLIDE ATTACK ON CHUNGKING

JAPANESE AIRCRAFT subjected Chungking to four raids in four hours yesterday with two alarms, the first between 8.30 and 10.00 a.m. The second alarm was sounded between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., there being three raids during the second alarm.

A squadron of nine Japanese bombers raided the western suburbs of Chungking at 8.15 a.m., demolishing the suburban office of the Central Bank.

TEL-AVIV'S ORDEAL

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY HAVE BOTH SENT MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF TEL-AVIV.

Mr. Churchill expresses his deep sympathy and says that this Italian brutality will only strengthen our united efforts.

Lord Lloyd expresses his admiration of the courage and coolness of the people of Tel-Aviv, and says:—

"They are sharing cheerfully with the capital of the Empire an ordeal which will only steel our determination to move on inflexibly to our final victory." — Reuter

ANGER AT BOMBING

From all parts of the Colonial Empire telegrams continue to reach London of heartfelt thankfulness that the King and Queen escaped injury in the bombing of Buckingham Palace and indignation at the wanton attack made on the official residence and persons of Their Majesties.

Typical of these is a message from the Governor of Tanganyika who offers "on behalf of the people of Tanganyika an expression of our sympathy and our pride and admiration for the citizens of London who, led by Their Majesties the King and Queen, are meeting the barbarous assault of their enemies with inspiring fortitude." — British Wireless.

WEATHER BREAK IN CHANNEL

WHILE EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT GERMANY MIGHT ATTEMPT HER INVASION OF BRITAIN LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE OF THE FULL MOON AND HIGH TIDE, THE FINE WEATHER BROKE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOME DAYS.

Low clouds, mist, heavy rains and a choppy sea — that was the weather bulletin for the Channel. — Reuter.

Three batches of nine planes each raided Chungking, about noon, bombing the western suburbs on the north bank of the Chaling River and also the south bank of the Yangtse.

Changing their tactics the Japanese, instead of launching large-scale mass-bombing attacks on Chungking are now using a comparatively small number of aircraft just for the purpose of maintaining a continuous bombing of the capital.

Glide Attack

During the second alarm a second group suddenly appeared over the city dropping bombs on the north bank of the Chaling River.

There was no humming of engines before the approach of the raiders and only the crash of bomb explosions betrayed the presence of the aircraft which had apparently switched off their engines and glided toward Chungking when some distance away from the city. — Reuter.

NO ANCIENT PRIVILEGES

No "ancient privileges" must stand in the way of Britain's war effort, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a broadcast a few nights ago.

"To fulfil our mighty task the complete revitalising of our life must proceed," he declared.

"Life and change must go deep into our nation, so that there emerges from this trial no less than a new model England, finding out through our old traditions and through our present experiences, the new way of life for which many of us have been dreaming and planning."

Mr. Butler said that Hitler and Mussolini might discover European complications which would draw their attention from us.

But the dictators' troubles would be more likely to appear if Britain was resolute, determined.

The Fleet's Voice

"The best that a prophet can say is that the future picture of Europe will depend entirely on our own actions during the next few weeks and months," he stated.

"We shall save ourselves, we shall save what we believe in, and we shall attract friends to our side by our own efforts and by the determination with which we face dangers ahead."

He said that besides difficulties in holding down subject peoples, the Germans would have to face the old major rivalries between the Powers.

"Italy and Russia will each have their view about the Balkans," he added. "Spain will have its own tradition of pride and independence. There will be varying views about the Dardanelles."

"There will be several voices in the Mediterranean. The loudest will be the bark of the big guns of our Battle Fleet."

"Yes, there are complications enough for any Power which seeks to dominate the Continent and then the world. We must hold on and let this cauldron simmer. No doubt the pot will soon be calling the kettle black."

DONATION FROM THE PUNJAB

THE GOVERNOR OF THE PUNJAB HAS CABLED £7,500 FROM THE PUNJAB BRANCH OF THE "WAR PURPOSES" FUND, WHILE THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED PROVINCES HAS SENT A LAKH OF RUPEES.

The British War Savings Movement in India reports that savings for August totalled over £80,000, bringing the total since May to over £305,000. — Reuter.

LOSSES BELOW EXPECTATIONS

It can be authoritatively stated that losses sustained by R.A.F. bombers in their intensive night raids upon vital military objectives in Germany and German occupied territories have been at a much lower rate than those responsible for the long-termed planning of British air operations anticipated. — British Wireless.



Deanna Durbin, as she appears in her seventh consecutive screen success, Universal's "It's a Date," coming to the King's Theatre.

NO PROGRESS MADE IN SETTLING U.S.-JAPAN PROBLEMS

A JAPANESE protest against the American gasoline embargo, which alleged anti-Japanese discrimination and unfairness, was lodged in Washington four or five weeks ago, and Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, replied to Mr. Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, about a week later.

The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, pointed this out at a press conference in Tokyo to-day when he denied a press report that Mr. Horinouchi on September 13 had filed a protest with Mr. Sumner Welles against the American gasoline embargo and that Mr. Welles had rejected the request.

The spokesman declined to divulge the nature or contents of the American reply.

Some important questions had been discussed between Mr. Horinouchi and Mr. Welles in an interview on September 13 which, the spokesman revealed, had touched on almost all pending questions between the two countries but none of the questions had been brought to a settlement. The spokesman went even further to say that "no big progress had been made."

Most Unfair!

Replying to a question on what grounds Japan's protest was based, Mr. Suma stated the American action constituted discrimination against Japan, for while permitting gasoline to be exported to countries in the Western Hemisphere it was unfair to ban gasoline exports to Japan, especially as America possessed ample supplies of gasoline and was in a position to produce it to any amount.

Furthermore, the spokesman pointed out, the American action violated free trade, which Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, had been so zealously advocating for so many years.

Still Fighting

Free trade and racial equality had been two big principles for which Japan had been fighting since the Versailles Peace Conference, the spokesman declared, adding, "We are still fighting for them."

Asked by a German correspondent whether Japan's protest had also been based on the possibility of American gasoline finding its way to Britain, the spokesman expressed the "personal" opinion that many transactions between the United States and Britain, including the sales of arms and ammunition to Britain, might involve the legal question of infringement of neutrality. — Reuter.

PALESTINE PLAYS HER PART

Lord Lloyd has asked the High Commissioner for Palestine to convey the warmest thanks of the Government for the splendid contribution of £28,500 from Palestine and Trans-Jordan towards the production of aircraft. This evidence of the determination of the people in those regions to support the common cause is, the Colonial Secretary added, most encouraging. — British Wireless.

"WATER BUSES" POPULAR

The service of "water buses" on the Thames introduced in the last few days to relieve congestion on other transport services through temporary disorganisation of a few routes as a result of enemy bombing, has proved highly popular. The service has been accelerated and the number of river craft engaged increased. — British Wireless.

DISTRESS FUND

Large gifts from all over the world continue to be sent to the Lord Mayors London Air Raid Distress Fund.

The Governor-General of New Zealand telegraphed the sum of £10,000 from patriotic funds being remitted, £5,000 has been sent from the British colony in Buenos Aires and £1,000 comes from the Maharaja of Darbhanga, Calcutta.

A fund opened by a Kenya newspaper for London's air raid sufferers already amounts to over £800.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Air Raid Distress Fund yesterday large grants were made to meet the needs of afflicted boroughs. In one case £5,000 was given. — British Wireless.

SPEAKER ELECTED

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ACCLAMATION YESTERDAY ELECTED MR. RAYBURN OF TEXAS AS ITS SPEAKER IN SUCCESSION TO THE LATE WILLIAM BANKHEAD.

Mr. Bankhead yesterday was given an impressive State funeral at which President Roosevelt was present with members of the Cabinet, Congress and Supreme Court as well as Mr. Bankhead's actress daughter, Tallulah Bankhead. — Reuter.

THEFT OF \$1,000

Cheuk Yee-Chi, 38, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, in the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of \$1,000 in Chinese currency from a shop-keeper in Queen's Road Central yesterday. Complainant was walking along Queen's Road with the money wrapped up in a Chinese newspaper. Defendant snatched the money from behind him. Defendant said that he thought it was only a packet of moon cakes. He was remanded for 24 hours for further enquiries.

ST. PAUL'S GIVES THANKS

Special prayers of thanks for the safety of the fabrics were said in St. Paul's yesterday when the first lunch-hour service since the removal of the unexploded bomb was held. The officiating Canon gave thanks for the courage, skill and devotion to duty of the men who disposed of the bomb. — British Wireless.

PILOTS FROM CANADA

Mr. Power, Canadian Minister for Air, told the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday that, since September 15, 115,000 men had inquired about enlistment in the Royal Canadian Air Force. More than 25,000 had passed the medical and trade examinations, and 13,000 officers and men had been enlisted.

AMERICAN INDICTS ADOLF

Mr. F. T. Birchall, of the "New York Times," and chief European correspondent of that paper from 1934 to 1939, who is a British subject, in a broadcast the other night said that Hitler, surrounded by the strongest array of mechanised slaughter-machines ever gathered together for murder, in the bombastic fashion common to his every utterance, had graciously offered to give us peace on his terms—if we would ask for it.

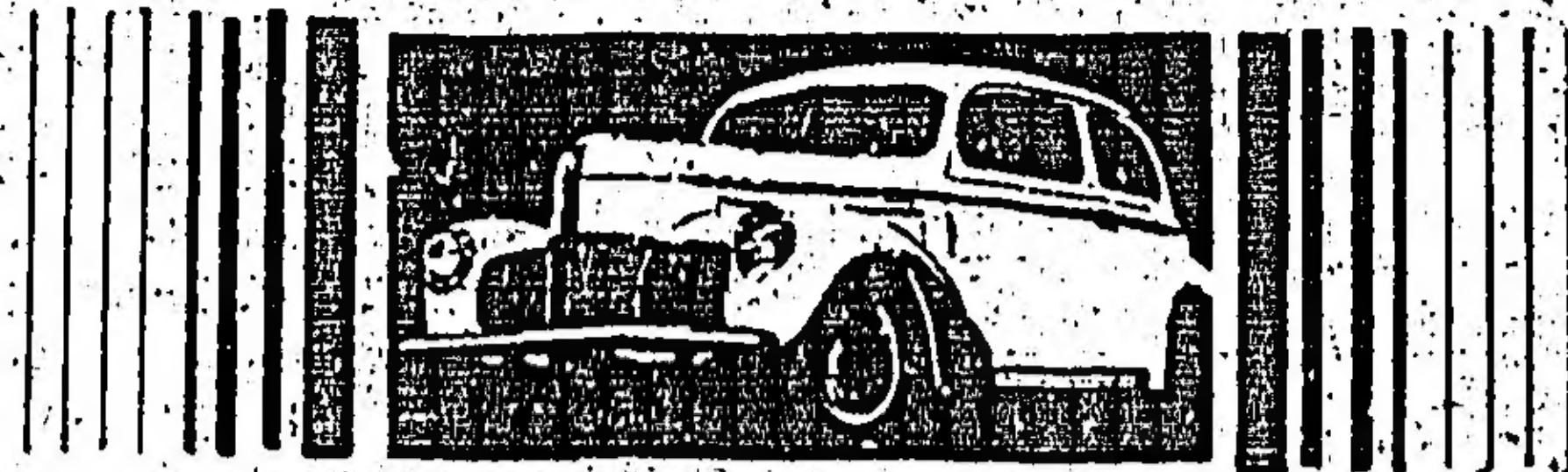
Mr. Birchall asked Hitler whether he remembered Munich. He recalled the evening in the Fuehrer House, when Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain, and Daladier sat around the table in his private office carving up Czechoslovakia under his pretext of liberating the Sudeten Germans from democratic rule. Our statesmen had believed him, but he had lied to them.

"No, Herr Hitler," said Mr. Birchall, "we cannot afford to make peace with a liar, gangster, and assassin who is not fit to be on the Committee of Nations. We are well aware that Germany is strong, as the result of five years' intensive preparation, while we were refusing to believe that you would really loose the dread spectre of war upon your own people and upon the world. But, in fact, for more than five years you have been getting ready."

I remember that Berlin had its first black-out in March, 1935, long before any of us ever thought of black-outs. And about the same time I saw decontamination squads in asbestos clothes with all the necessary apparatus practising through streets of poison gas. We had never thought of using poison gas on civilian populations—it was only your mind. I know that the German Army is more completely equipped mechanically just now than ours can be, or hope to be, for some time. I saw your army in action, not in war but all-ready for it.

I know, too, that German food has been augmented by supplies looted from the invaded countries since. The people in northern countries will be hungry this winter for lack of the food that you, Hitler, have stolen; and you will probably make those countries cry to the world for help in the name of humanity. If the world answers you will probably also steal what the world sends them."

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S. A. SLEAP,

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♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 2
♦ J 10 8
♣ A K 10 7 3
♠ K 7 5
♥ 9 8 5 4 3
♦ 7
♣ J 5 4 2
♠ Q J 3 2
♥ A 10 8
♦ A 4 2
♣ Q 9 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"West led the seven of diamonds, dummy played the ten, and East's Queen forced out my Ace. The lead had removed one of my entries, so I had to abandon the plan to ruff two hearts and hope for a doubleton spade King in the West hand. But there was a chance if East held all the heart picture cards.

"Accordingly, I took the spade finesse and drew three rounds of trumps. The Ace and Queen of clubs were followed by a club finesse through West, and two more clubs let me discard my diamonds.

"The last club caught East in the old pincers! If he blanked the King of diamonds, I could ruff a diamond to set up dummy's Jack. He therefore came down to two hearts, whereupon I cashed the heart Ace and ruffed a heart to set up my ten of hearts.

"After the hand was over, my partner claimed most of the credit — for having bid the hand so 'astutely'. I discreetly reserved my own opinion!" But we don't reserve ours. North's bidding was as atrocious as Mr. Eskin's play was excellent — and that's saying plenty, since the play was brilliant.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 7 5 2
♥ 5 3
♦ J 10 9 5
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Schenken	Maier
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

What did you lead?

ANSWER: Lead the two of spades. That tells your partner you have four spades, or possibly three to an honour. Score 100% for the spade deuce, 30% for the diamond Jack.

QUESTION NO. 517

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 4
♥ J 9 5 4
♦ A Q J 5
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OVER £15,000 WAS SUBSCRIBED TO THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY'S FUND FOR RELIEF IN LONDON WITHIN A FEW MINUTES YESTERDAY. THE LORD MAYOR OF BRISBANE HAS CABLED ANOTHER £25,000 FROM QUEENSLAND.

The Victoria Fund now stands at £120,000. — Reuter.



Thin is the covering that shields the man who is all wrapped up in himself.

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A PIRATE POST OFFICE IS IN OPERATION IN THE UNITED STATES, CARRYING LETTERS TO AND FROM EUROPE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AS MANY AS 5000 LETTERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO EUROPE IN RECENT WEEKS WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE U.S.A. MAILS, THEREBY INFRINGING THE GOVERNMENT'S MONOPOLY.

Special detectives have been assigned to track down the originators and operators of the scheme. The Federal Bureau of Investigation are interested in the possibilities of the scheme being used by an ill-disposed foreign Government wishing to spread propaganda here without risk of its literature being seized.

The scheme is believed to have been started among foreign-born people living in this country, who to avoid the censorship in Europe handed over letters to be delivered for a substantial fee, by seamen.

Then the pirate mailing service began to operate in the opposite direction. It is believed that many thousands of letters have been delivered.

The National Women's Relief Association is holding a Charity Concert in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel at 9 o'clock to-night.

FLAG-DAY FOR TEA

A LARGE SUM OF MONEY HAS BEEN COLLECTED IN CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA, IN A FLAG-DAY TO REPLACE TEA RECENTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE IN BRITAIN.

It was announced at the time that the loss of the tea owing to the fire would not affect the tea-rations in Britain, but, nevertheless, the South Africans' practical gift is received most gratefully. — Reuter.

HOW TO OVERCOME FEVER EXHAUSTION

Doctors now know that the greatest danger in fever comes from the poisons it sets up in the blood-stream. Fighting these poisons leaves every nerve and organ in the body exhausted.

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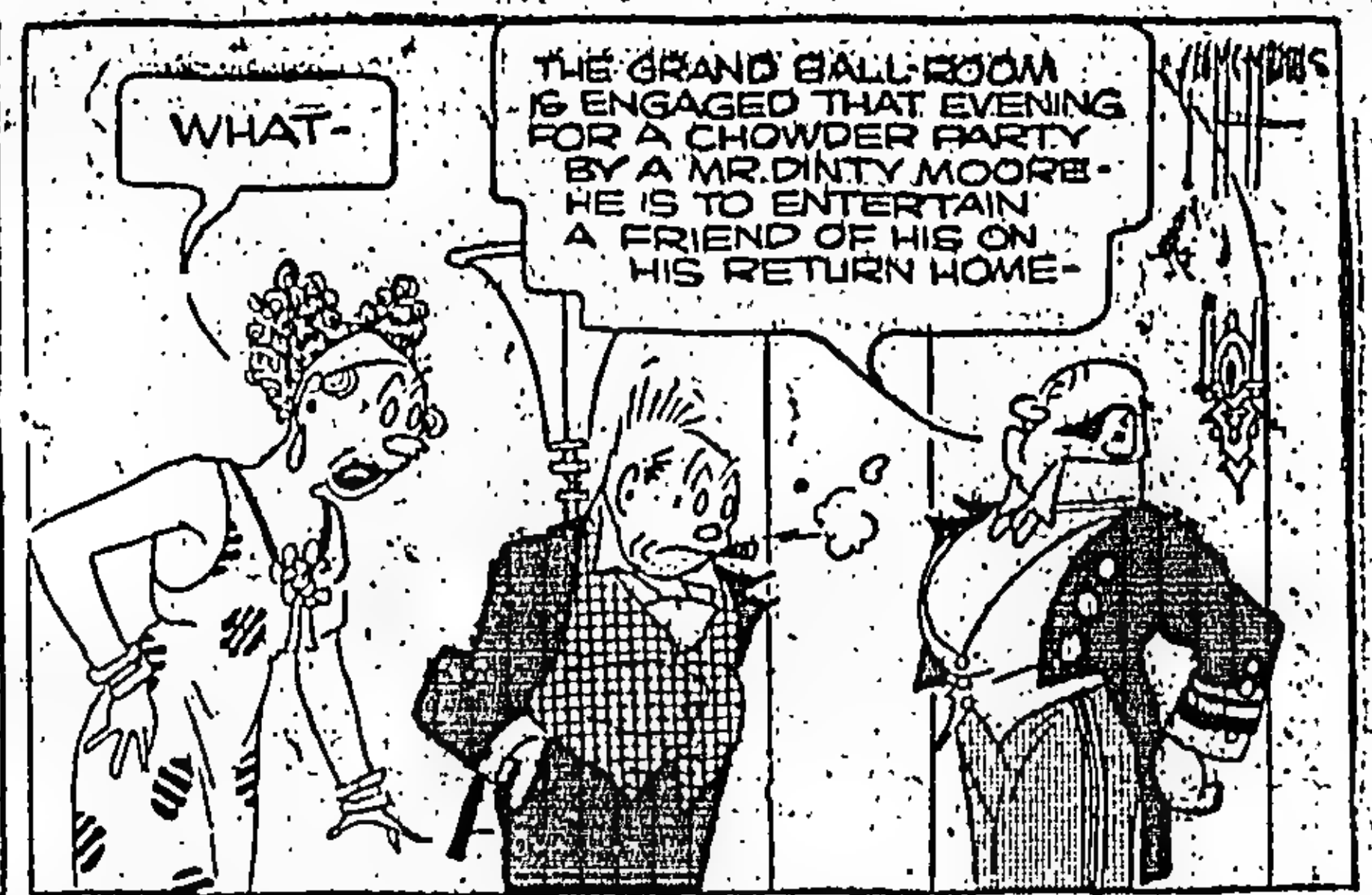


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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eyestrain Robs A Woman of Beauty

Without realising it, perhaps the fatigue you feel during the day, or at the end of the day, is either partly or entirely caused by eyestrain. And no woman can keep her beauty if her face is screwed up to see, and her body lags with fatigue.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness cautions us to take the necessary steps to eliminate straining of the eyes, as such a condition can raise havoc with our health and beauty, and may result in partial blindness.

Symptoms of eye strain are these: (1) Discomfort from use of the eyes for near vision. (2) Discomfort when looking sharply at any object either at work or when reading for a considerable length of time. (3) Dimness of vision coming on after much use of the eyes. (4) Confusion of lines of print. (5) Pain about the eyes. (6) Headaches. (7) Drowsiness or falling asleep while trying to read an hour or two, when one has slept well the night before. (8) An occasional trickle of tears over the eyelashes while reading or working. (9) Itching of the margin of the lids. (10) Burning sensation about the eye and sometimes redness along the margin of the lids.

In addition to these symptoms you may experience dizziness, sick stomach or nausea, a twitching of the muscles of the face, and nervousness.

What To Do

Any one, or all of these symptoms of eyestrain may appear in young children as well as adults, and even though the fitting of corrective lenses in youth is more difficult than after middle life, the child who suffers from eyestrain should be taken at once to a good physician.

To guard against eyestrain means to recognise its early symptoms and to seek competent medical service so that the cause of the symptom (the causes naturally vary) may be clearly understood, and if they are definitely due to straining of vision, suitable lenses should be fitted to alleviate undue pull on the inside eye muscles. When this is done, the continued irritation to the nervous system resulting from fatigue, vanishes. This applies to all ages.

Don't Jeopardise Health Through Vanity

If your eyes require attention you are very foolish not to care for them even if it may mean sacrificing a new gown or hat! The woman who continues to strain her eyes, suffer fatigue and nervousness, because she does not want to wear eyeglasses is extremely foolish and deserves little sympathy.

Recently while in Hollywood my admiration was stirred by actress Brenda Joyce, (whose stardom reads like a fairytale) when she wore her eyeglasses during an interview of the press. This young thing realises that her facial beauty can be impaired if she strains her eyes by going without her glasses when she is not being filmed. She has selected a style most becoming to her natural blond beauty, and no one who knows her or works with her feels she is any less the beauty for being sensible.



JUDITH BARRETT'S strong, lovely eyes are partly responsible for her successful career!

FOOD AND THE FUTURE

National and international conditions have revolutionised all our ideas on food. It used to be sufficient to plan for the week, using whatever fruits and vegetables happened to be plentiful and good and reasonably priced, and giving the others a miss until, as the seasons followed one another, they, too, became plentiful and good and reasonably priced.

We have lived to see seasons grow longer as markets and scientific cultivation developed and scarcity periods grow shorter and shorter.

Preserving Vegetables

Now we have to plan for the future. Thousands of women have preserved eggs and made jams and pickles this year who have not done such a thing for years.

Vegetables, at first sight, appear to present another and greater problem, but to preserve these by a drying process is really very simple.

There is a poetic little piece about memories being given us so that we can have roses at Christmas, but succulent green peas or juicy green beans will be a great deal more important this coming Christmas, I'm thinking, and a little care will provide them in more satisfying fashion than memory.

Last week I sampled both peas and beans — the two most suitable vegetables for drying — after these had been dried and re-soaked for use. They had lost hardly anything in flavour, and to my way of thinking tasted better than any other form of preserved vegetable.

First you must select young, fresh vegetables, shell your peas, which should be well formed and slice your beans finely, as if they are not sufficiently small they do not expand properly when the time comes to use them.

Next blanch by steaming five to ten minutes, or by plunging into

boiling salted water for five minutes. Plunge into cold water, drain, spread loosely on trays and put to dry. Dry thoroughly.

The length of time required for drying depends upon the temperature maintained and somewhat on the actual condition of the particular vegetables, but it has been found that at a steady temperature of about 140-150 degrees runner beans take about seven hours, and peas about nine hours.

Care should be taken not to scorch the vegetables as this impairs their flavour and toughens the outside.

Importance of Drying

Peas should be dried until all the moisture seems to be evaporated from them. They should be hard inside, but not "iron hard." They tend to harden after they have been removed from the heat and should, therefore, be taken from the drying place when they are still slightly resilient. When cold, cut one open and if they do not appear to be quite dry, continue drying for a short time. Runner beans should be dried until crisp.

Cover lightly to exclude dust and cool for 12 hours before storing. Store in paper bags, jars or tins in a dry place away from the light. Soak them for 24 hours before using and cook in the usual way.

Trays on which to lay the vegetables during drying are all the equipment that is required. Oven racks with canvas or butter muslin stretched over them serve the purpose well if they can be spared, but cake trays spread with butter muslin, or laths of wood nailed into a rectangle or square with canvas or cheesecloth stretched across, will serve the purpose. New material must be washed to remove dressing before being used.

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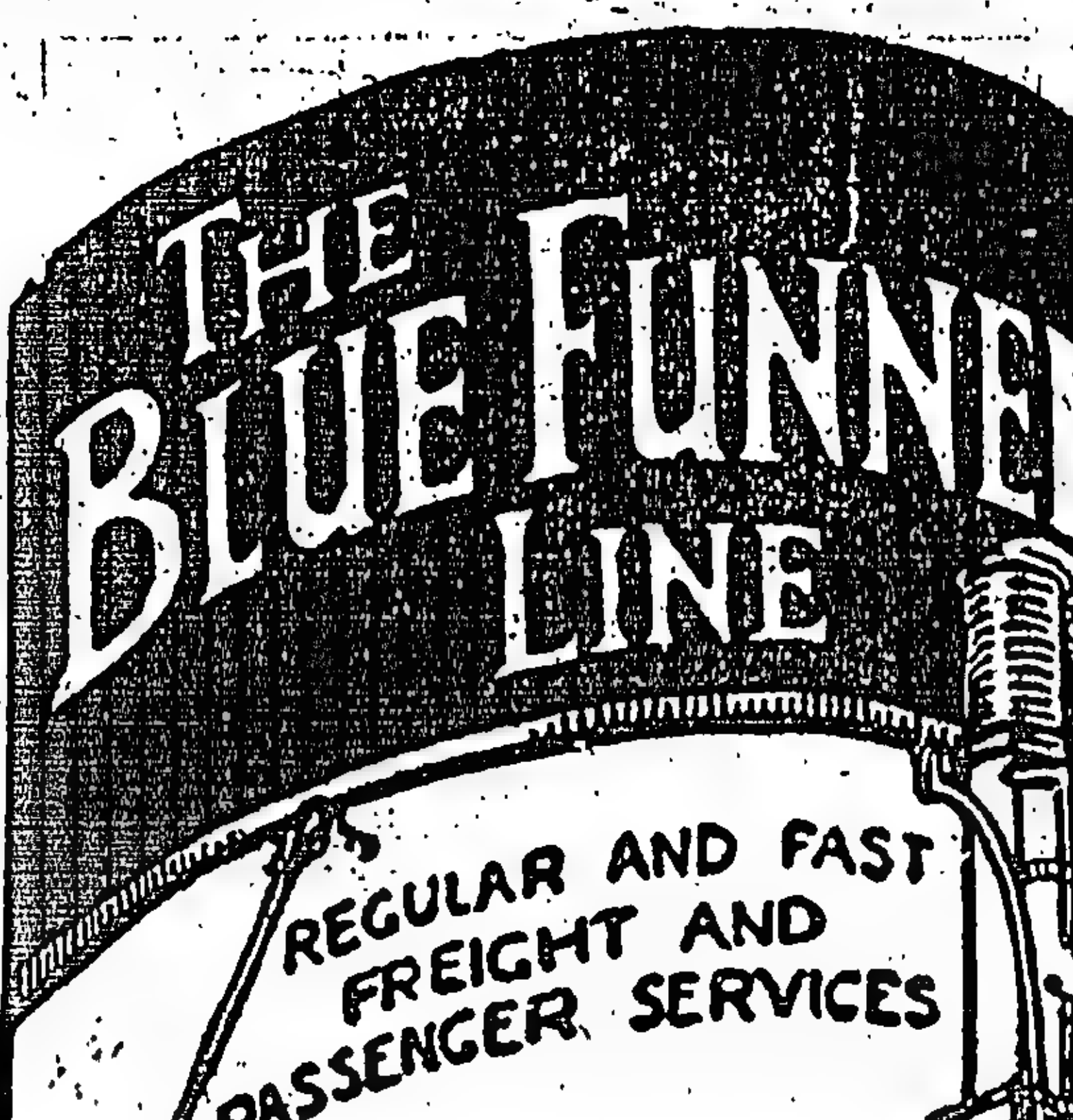
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
1.15 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in C Major "Jupiter", Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
6.34 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.38 p.m.—Humorous Variety Programme with Oliver Wakefield.
7.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Ballad" illustrated by records.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Saint-Saens—Carnival of the Animals. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Pianist: Montgomery and Barabini.
8.24 p.m.—Two Songs from Saint-Saens "Samson and Dalilah".
8.34 p.m.—Grig—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 48. Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
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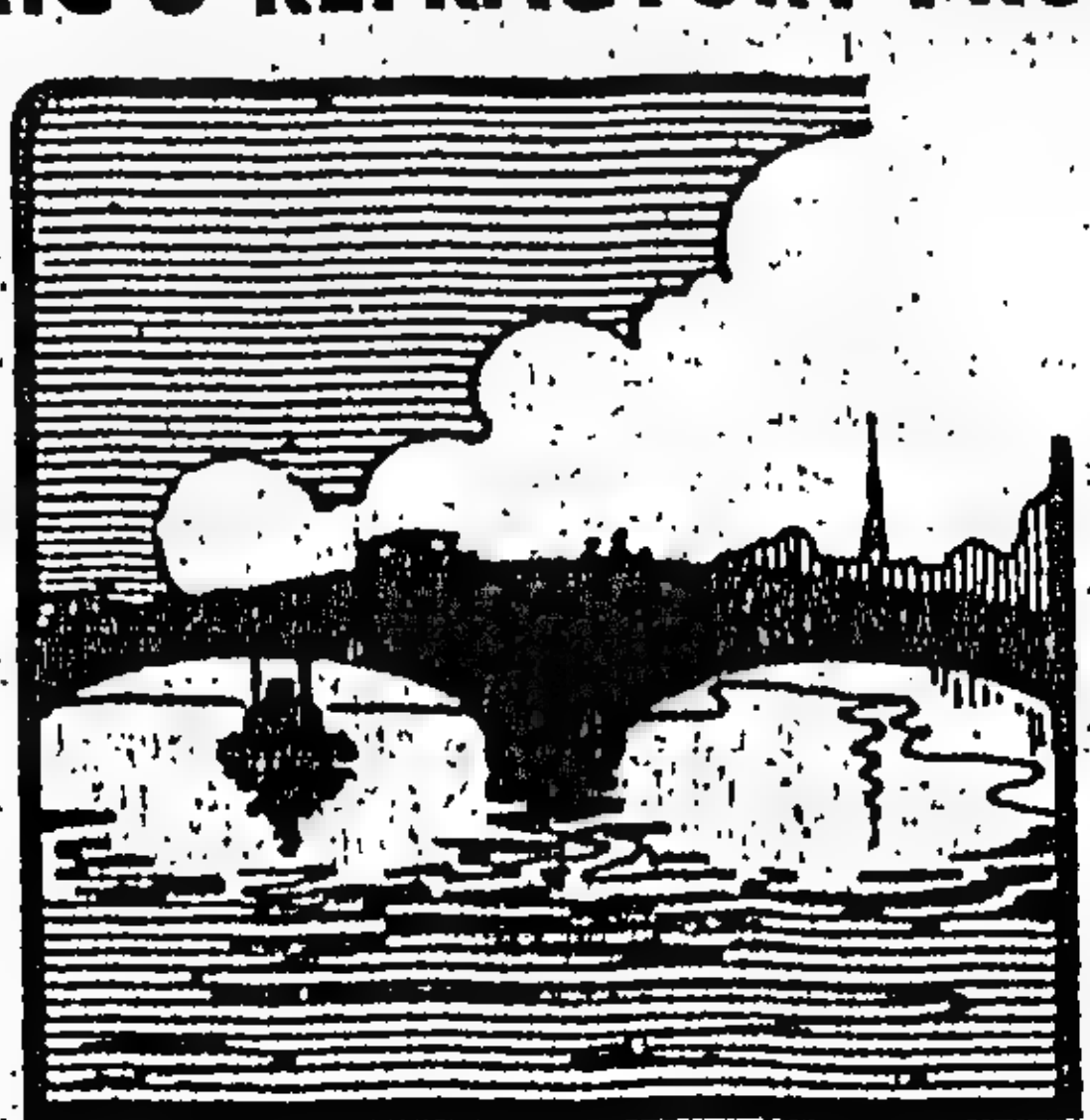
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SNATCHERS DANGEROUS PEAK TRAM "SACK THE MUNICH MEN" ACTIVE DRIVING ROBBERY

Snatchers were very active yesterday in the Shamshupoo district, it was revealed this morning when several snatching cases came up before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen in the Kowloon Police Court.

A 16-year-old boy was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to be subsequently expelled from the Colony, when convicted of snatching a handbag from Lam Man-lo, 22, spinster, in Nam Chang Street at 7.15 p.m.

Ng Ling, 24, unemployed, charged twice with snatching handbags from two victims yesterday, was given six months' and recommended for banishment.

He snatched the first bag from Miss Maria Cheung, a student who was on her way to school at 8 a.m. in front of Prince's Theatre in Nathan Road. He got away with the bag.

One hour later, he made another attempt on Li Cho-yuet, 16, spinster, in Pei Ho Street, but was caught this time.

When he was searched, Miss Cheung's bag was found concealed in his girdle.

BODY DUMPED

A 26-year-old coolie, Yuen On, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in the Central Magistracy this morning with dumping the body of a two months old child, Yuen So-ha, in Stubbs Road, near the corner of Gap Road, at about 2 a.m. yesterday.

Defendant was seen by an Indian constable putting something in a hole near the traffic light in Stubbs Road. He was arrested when he walked about 20 yards away. The constable found the dead body of a child.

Defendant said that he was on his way to the Tung Wah Hos-

pital. The child died on the way, so he decided to dump the body. A fine of \$5 or 10 days imprisonment was imposed.

That he would have been forced over the embankment if he had not applied his brakes promptly, was the evidence of Det.-Sgt. J. F. Scott, of the Special Branch, in a case against Chan Chung, of 61, Cumberland Road, who was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for driving without due care and caution.

Pleading guilty, accused was fined \$15. Accused was said to have followed quite a long distance behind Scott's car along The Castle Peak Road on August 18 at 7.35 p.m., but did not overtake him until just rounding a bend, when he cut in front of the police officer's car.

DANGEROUS DRUGS

Appearing on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry in the Central Magistracy this morning, a 21-year-old spinster, Li Man, was again remanded for one week on a charge of being in possession of dangerous drugs at No. 4, Lee Shing Street, second floor, on September 9.

She was additionally charged with the possession of a quantity of cocaine in a safe deposit box in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, appeared for the accused. The hearing was fixed for September 27, at 2.30 p.m.

Bail of \$10,000 was allowed. Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern is in charge of the case.

Subsequently, accused was brought in. Mrs. Begdon recognised him as the man who had robbed her. In his possession were found the missing articles. Accused was later taken out by the Police and the bag found.

When charged, accused had nothing to say, but in the Lower Court stated that he went up the Peak to visit his grandfather, a cook at Mountain Lodge. His grandfather was busy and he was told to meet him some days later. He walked down Barker Road where he picked up the articles.

That he knew nothing of the robbery and that he had picked up the articles found on him in Barker Road when he was arrested, was the defence of Tse Shing, who was charged in the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. E. H. Williams, with robbery by violence of a handbag containing a cigarette case and other toilet articles from Mrs. D. M. Begdon.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel assisted by Inspector Baystings prosecuted. Accused was not legally represented.

The jury consisted of Messrs. S. S. Harris, Yau Tak-wing, C. J. E. Scott, Fong King-chew, P. J. Lee, D. J. Willis and Tam Sung-hon.

Mr. Murphy said that Mrs. Begdon was in the Peak Tram shelter, Barker Road. She had just taken a small purse from her bag when she was struck several times from behind. She was knocked unconscious for several seconds and found herself on the ground. She was then kicked and accused struck her several more blows. He snatched her bag and ran away.

Mrs. Begdon raised the alarm and later returned home where she telephoned the Police. Later a man was brought to her house but he was not her assailant.

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The case is proceeding.

There is no halt in the demands that the "Men of Munich"—Chamberlain and his appeasement gang—must go from the Government.

One of the latest comes from Birmingham, the city which gave the ex-Premier his seat in Parliament, and which was once a Chamberlain family "stronghold."

Six women, including two soldiers' wives, went to the House of Commons to present a petition signed by hundreds of Birmingham people, including many Conservatives, asking for the immediate removal of Mr. Chamberlain and those associated with the Munich policy.

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Mak Wai-ming Training Hard Secretly Inter-hong Tourney For Charity Soon

By "Natator"

OWING TO THE ineligibility of the clubs which have recently withdrawn from Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to participate in the proposed Federation Championships, the results of such a contest would not be representative of the Chinese Swimming community, but only of the Associations affiliated, of which there are two major clubs at present supplying the swimmers, namely the Chung Shing and Eastern teams.

In order that there should be a contest open to all Chinese, irrespective of affiliation, representatives of three of the non-affiliated clubs held a preliminary meeting at the South China Pavilion last week, and decided to hold a contest with that object.

Mr. Kwok Muk-hoi, Chinese Y.M.C.A. representative, was elected to the chair, whilst Messrs. Chan Ping-to and Lai Hap-chai represented Chinese Bathing Club and South China respectively.

Other Club officials were also in attendance.

It was decided that this contest which was to be held under their joint management should be open to all Chinese individually, and not as an inter-club contest as has been the practice of the Federation.

So that the other clubs will have a chance to hold their own club championships before then, the dates have been fixed for October 18 and 19, whilst the elimination trials will be held on October 15 and 16.

Entries will close on October 12th at 3 p.m.

It was also decided that, for the sake of comparison, the events should be those as laid down at the National Meet, which are as follows:—50, 100, 400 and 1500 metres free-style, 200 metres breast-stroke, 100 metres back-stroke, and the 200 and 400 metres free-style relays, for men, whilst the ladies will compete in the 50, 100, and 400 metres free-style, 200 metres breast-stroke, 100 metres back-stroke, and the 200 metres free-style relay.

The question of including the medley relay, which has proved so popular of late has been shelved for the time being, as the number of events under consideration were sufficient to take up all the time for both days, and mainly because the National Meet does not provide for a Medley relay contest.

The question of permitting the butterfly method in the breast-stroke events was also debated. It is worthy of note that although National Amateur Athletic Federation is affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Union which permits the butterfly method, the former have been reticent on the point, and since communication with them at the present time is impossible, the stroke will not be recognised in this particular contest.

The venue of this tourney will be South China Athletic Bathing Pavilion in view of the larger accommodation facilities. The records set up at the National Meets have been made in 50 metre pools, and for this reason the South China Pool is best suited to the purpose. The diving events will also be held on the same lines as the National Meet with the same compulsory dives.

Ng Nin Better's National Records

At a gala held at Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Bathing Shed at Kennedy Town, Ng Nin was timed over 100 metres in 63.2/5 secs, which is more than two seconds better than the National mark of 65.7 secs.

Starting together with Ng Tsun-man and Fung Kwai Sang, Ng Nin finished a full four metres ahead of Ng Tsun-man, who was clocked at 68 secs. This performance by Ng Nin is quite consistent with his previous showing when he finished in 64 secs.

During the same evening, the ladies were seen "butterflying" over 25 metres, Yu Pui-yuk

CLUB RUGBY TRAINING

Club Rugby players are starting their training for the coming season to-morrow, when they will be under the direction and supervision of C. M. McEwan, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

All members attending should bring gym shoes. Club's first trial is on Wednesday, October 9.

finishing in 20 secs., which compares favourably with Miss Chum's time of 16 seconds for 25 yards. The 100 metres back-stroke showed plainly that Miss Ip Chui-man will be a serious challenger to Miss Sa Wai-ying for the back-stroke title.

Gala Postponed

Owing to the fact that back-stroker Lau Yiu-ting of the Lai Tsun Swimming Union will not be available during the week-end, and that a replacement can not be found, Lai Tsun/Eastern return gala has been postponed till after the Colony Championships.

The receipt of Chung Shing's entries last Saturday morning have dispelled all suspicions of a threatened boycott of the Championship by the major Chinese clubs. Eastern Athletic Association and Ching Wing Union, however, have not sent in any entries, and this leads one to believe that they are adhering to their original intention.

The rumours of this intended action on the part of the Chinese clubs are not entirely groundless as some believe; but have been the subject of discussion in Chinese swimming circles for the greater part of last week. It is definitely known that certain swimmers have made agreements not to participate in the contest, whilst certain club officials have also given that impression in the course of unofficial statements.

Championship Arrangements Satisfactory

This grievance has been based on a wrong impression gathered as a result of a recent "incident" at a quadrangular meet, in which a dead-heat decision was given by the clock, resulting in the walking out from the gala of one team. In all fairness to the officials of that particular gala, it must be explained that the only officials were the time-keepers, who had their hands full to watch their own lane and were unfortunately unable to determine the winner of that event by judgment.

The only recourse was to refer to the time-pieces, all of which showed 25 seconds. Under those circumstances the only possible decision was a dead-heat.

The small number of Chinese officials at the Championships has been a sore point in former years. It would appear that the recent announcement of the officials have contributed to the change in outlook of the Chinese clubs, especially in the provision of three judges in Messrs. Chan Sek-pui, J. D. Remedios, and Lieut. Hunter, representative of the Chinese, European and the Army.

This thoroughly satisfactory arrangement has the complete approval of the Chinese clubs, and marks a large step towards better understanding between V.R.C. and the Chinese clubs.

It is also believed that the decision to select the Manila Inter-port team from the results of the Championships has also been a deciding factor in the change of Chinese opinion.

In this connection, all Clubs are asked to note that a meeting will be held at the V.R.C. on Tuesday, October 1st, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the various preparations for the coming event. All clubs are requested to send representatives to this meeting.

Colony Heats To-day

The Colony Championship elimination heats will commence

to-day and will be continued until Thursday. The contest has been well supported and heats will be necessary for most of the events. Enrique Chaine, who it was thought by many quarters, had given up swimming in open competitions, will be defending his breast-stroke record and title.

From all appearances he is in just as good form as ever, but it is not possible to say whether he has improved on his time since last year, as he has not been seen in any competitions this year, except for a short swim of 50 metres in a relay held recently at the Eastern Athletic Association.

Another entrant who has taken swimming circles by surprise is Mak Wai-wing, who has not been seen in any competitions for the last two or three years. It is learned that he has been training for this contest since the beginning of the season at the Y.M.C.A. Pool at Laichikok.

Mak held the title of Harbour Champion in 1936, and has also represented Hong Kong in the National Meet for the long distance events. His entry in the 220, 440, and 880 yards free-style events will constitute a menace to Chan Chun-nam, hot favourite for the quarter and half mile events. Lau Tai-ping and Yau Sai-kwan, who were placed in last year's Harbour race have also entered in these events, and should qualify for the Finals.

On the other hand, the non-entry of Kew has surprised many swimmers, as he had unofficially bettered the Colony record for 50 yards during a team race at a recent gala.

Eastern's Petty Grievance

It is now learnt that the decision of Eastern, not to participate in the Championships, has been responsible for his non-entry. Other swimmers similarly affected are Kwok Chan-hang, former record holder and Champion, and Lee Fook-ke, one of the best Chinese sprinters. As a result, their 200 yards free-style relay team, which I have always considered the best in the Colony, is also not entered. Lau Yiu-ting of the Lai Tsun Union, the Chinese back-stroke hope, has also not been entered, and it is learnt that his work would not permit of his being present for the heats. It will be recalled that he has on more than one occasion nearly beaten A. K. Rumjahn, and supporters of both have been looking forward to this race.

Incidentally, W. Lawrence is defending his title in this event only, having abandoned the others.

My opinion is that there is a very good chance of Ng Nin wresting the title from him. Ng Nin has entered in all the events for men, with the exception of the diving, and it is sure that he will be included in the Chung Shing relay teams, bringing the total number of events that he is swimming in, to nine. This is indeed a rare feat, and it is doubtful if there will ever be a repetition of this for many years. Ng Nin's performance during the season marks him as the swimmer of the year, and he is expected to account for all the sprint events in record time.

Ladies Promise Good Competition

Throughout the season, Miss Vivienne Churn has proved that she is the undisputed champion in the free-style events, but she will find herself fully extended before she can hope to beat Miss Ko-Miu-lin, who is making rapid strides. Miss Churn has also entered for the back and breast-stroke events, but might have to acknowledge defeat at the hands of Miss Sa Wai-ying and Miss Lee Po-luen respectively. Miss Lee Po-luen looks like a sure winner in the 100 yards breast-stroke, and may even prove a strong challenger in the 440 yards event.

Inter-Hong Gala?

A movement is afoot to promote an inter-hong tournament, which will be held at European Y.M.C.A. Bath in aid of the War Fund. Hong Kong Bank, Jardines, Dod-

BURMA SOCCER TEAM FOR COLONY?

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night with Mr. W. E. Hollands in the chair, the League fixtures for the new season were approved.

An application from the Burma Athletic Association for a fixture here in December for an All-Burma team was considered.

The Committee decided that December would not be an appropriate time for entertaining a visiting team and refused the application.

It was suggested to Burma A.A., however, that if they would consider sending a team here about April or May (at the end of the local season) the Association would be prepared to consider arranging some game.

In the event of Clubs desiring postponement of matches on the ground of their having Volunteers in their teams who are unable to play owing to training duties, it was decided that such clubs should request for postponement, not later than the Wednesday preceding the match, and must state the number of Volunteers in the team.

It was also decided to write to clubs with enclosed stands recommending that at least 16 players of a visiting team be permitted to the ground. The Chairman said that the committee had no control over Club grounds during League matches but that in the past this was the usual number considered equitable.

The following Charity games were provisionally arranged for the season.

October 10, in aid of B.F.D.R.C. November 11 in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

December 25-26 "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup.

January 1 in aid of B.W.O.F. As it was not possible to arrange a Lai Wah game before the Interport with Shanghai, there will be based on form at League trials this season, but selections will be based on form at League and in these Charity games.

RIFLE SHOOTING RESULTS

An interesting competition was held at the R.A.F. Station, Kai Tak, on Sunday last between teams of the H.K.S.R.A. Sergeants' Mess Rifle Club and R.A.F. Rifle Club, in which each competitor shot with a .22 B.S.A. match rifle and a rifle "as issued" with .22 Morris tube.

The targets used were of the standard 25-yard 5-bull S.M.R.C. "sighter card" pattern, ten rounds deliberate being fired at each card. The following results were returned:

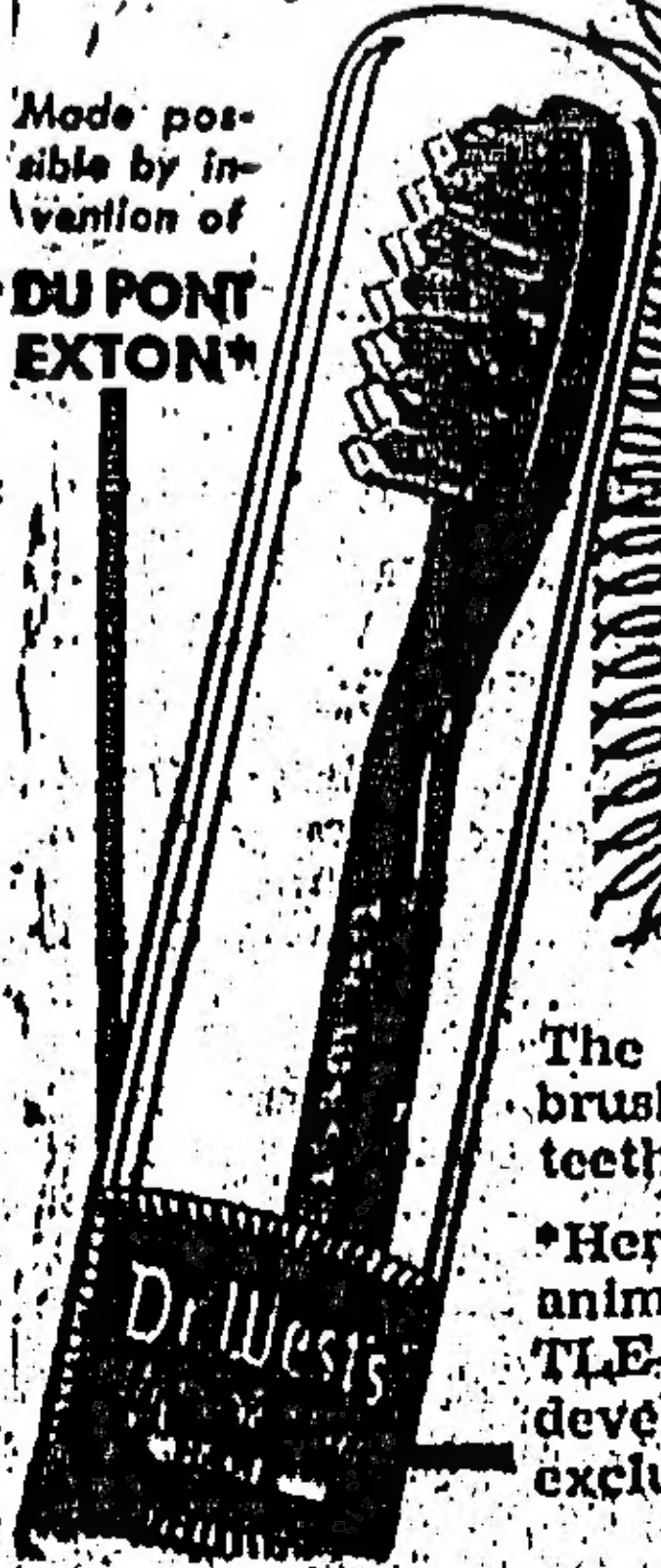
R.A.F.		Open	Peep
		sights	sights
P. O. Gray	78	85	
W. O. Tollison	84	98	
Mr. Evans	59	95	
Cpl. Berry	70	90	
Cpl. Henley	69	98	
Cpl. Gash	78	95	
	440	571	
Total		1,017	
H.K.S.R.A.			
Q.M.S. Barmah	34	38	
Sgt. Bromley	50	74	
Sgt. Shirley	20	45	
Sgt. Maloney	53	83	
Sgt. Lewis	52	87	
Sgt. Williams	54	54	
	274	401	
Total		676	

wells, Butterfield & Swire, and the Asiatic Petroleum Co. have been invited to participate in this gala. The programme will probably comprise mostly team and novelty events, and for the purpose of arranging a programme, a meeting will be held to-morrow.

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"B" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are "B" Division League tennis pairings:—

P.	L.	W.
B. Szeto and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)	15	1/2 14 1/2
W. T. Lee and W. C. Ho (S.C.A.A.)	15	1 14
Dew Chok-him and Ip Koon-hung (S.C.A.A.)	18	4 14
Col. J. S. Smith and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (A.T.C.)	15	3 12
M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed (C.D.R.)	18	6 1/2 11 1/2
F. H. Kwok and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	15	4 1/2 10 1/2
Capt. Loch and Col. L. A. Newnham (A.T.C.)	12	4 8
T. C. Luk and S. W. Wong (C.R.C.)	8	8 1/2 7 1/2
J. Leonard and W. H. Lee (C.C.C.)	6	0 6
K. L. Ho and P. S. Choi (C.R.C.)	6	0 0
G. Lal and H. N. Wong (C.C.C.)	9	3 0
J. J. Remedios and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	9	3 0
K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)	6	1/2 5 1/2
Billy Yu and P. Fletcher (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1/2 5 1/2
A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto (C.D.R.)	12	6 1/2 5 1/2
F. Grose and D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	6	1 5
H. Lin and T. E. Ling (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1 5
P. F. Choy and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	4	0 4
O. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	2 4
I. and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.)	12	8 4
T. E. Ling and Billy Yu (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	2 1/2 3 1/2
A. Kitchell and W. Howard (C.C.C.)	6	2 1/2 3 1/2
W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)	8	0 3
F. J. Remedios and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	3	0 3
K. L. Ho and C. C. Wong (C.R.C.)	3	0 3
T. C. Lu and P. C. Leung (C.R.C.)	3	0 3
D. C. Luk and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	3	0 2
J. A. Bendall and I. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.)	9	6 3
Capt. Loch and Sgt. Webb (A.T.C.)	6	3 3
T. C. Lu and D. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	6	1/2 5 1/2
F. K. Lau and S. Cheung (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
T. C. Lu and S. W. Wong (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
Capt. Holmes and Lieut. Tomlinson (A.T.C.)	6	3 1/2 2 1/2
N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	12	9 1/2 2 1/2
G. A. White and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)	12	9 1/2 2 1/2
K. L. Ho and T. C. Lu (C.R.C.)	2	0 2
O. L. Pang and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1 2
H. Lin and P. Fletcher (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1 2
H. H. Lin and K. M. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1 2
F. Grose and R. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
A. M. Rodrigues and A. E. Xavier (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
B. T. Gosano and L. A. Carvalho (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
H. F. Goncalves and J. C. Fonseca (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)	3	1 2
Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Webb (A.T.C.)	3	1 2
I. Kitchell and M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	6	4 2
M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	9	7 2
F. Grose and S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)	3	1 1/2 1 1/2
A. R. Kitchell and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
A. Kitchell and H. Y. Leung (C.C.C.)	3	2 1
H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	3	2 1
A. H. Barwell and J. J. Ferguson (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1
H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	3	2 1
B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier (C.D.R.)	3	2 1
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
Maraland Ma and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)	3	2 1
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
Capt. Hyde and Sgt. Duffield (A.T.C.)	3	2 1
A. Rahmin and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
W. J. Skinner and D. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	3	2 1
W. T. Skinner and R. Todd (C.S.C.C.)	3	2 1
A. R. Ismail and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	6	5 1
D. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	5 1
J. S. Theobald and A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.)	6	5 1
J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner (C.S.C.C.)	6	5 1
M. O. Hoosen and D. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
N. B. Nicholson and N. Spence (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
W. M. Barton and W. H. Jawit (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
Billy Yu and Henry Lin (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	5 1/2 1/2
G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
F. Grose and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	1	1 0
N. A. E. Mackay and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)	2	2 0
N. Llewellyn and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	2	2 0
D. Hung and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	3	3 0
G. A. White and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)	3	3 0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's "B" Division Tennis League programme:

K.C.C. v C.R.C.
I.R.C. v C.D.R.**TENNIS LEAGUE****POINTS FOR UNIVERSITY FROM K.C.C.**

WITHOUT TEDDY FINCHER AND S. A. GRAY, KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB FARED DISMALLY AT POKFULAM. YESTERDAY IN THEIR "A" DIVISION LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST UNIVERSITY, AND WHEN PLAY WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE, DUE TO BAD LIGHT, THEY WERE 4 1/2 SETS TO 1 1/2 DOWN.

The seventh game was in progress when play was abandoned, and in this Wong and Tam were leading Guest and Crawford 5-2 after winning the first five games!

In view of University's obvious superiority K.C.C. conceded the points, rather than delay the termination of the League by claiming a replay.

Wong and Tam were in great form and were undoubtedly the best pair on view.

Scores:
T. T. Lim and S. H. Lim (University) drew with E. F. Fincher and G. C. Burnett 6-6
beat A. Crawford and A. E. P. Guest 6-2
G. Choa and H. P. Ong (University) lost to Crawford and Guest 3-6
beat E. Zulauf and A. Gillard 6-4
S. Wong and K. Y. Tam (University) beat Fincher and Burnett 6-1
beat Zulauf and Gillard 6-2
led Crawford and Guest 5-2
University have now to meet South China and Recreio, and both these Clubs will not be able to treat this well-balanced team too lightly.

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	4	4	0	0	20	9 1/2	8
S.C.A.A.	3	2	0	1	13 1/2	13 1/2	4
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	6 1/2	2 1/2	2
H.K.U.T.C.	2	1	0	1	8	7	2
C.D.R.	4	1	0	3	14 1/2	21 1/2	2
K.C.C.	4	0	0	4	9	24	0

Another K.C.C. Defeat

On Wednesday last K.C.C. played against South China and were beaten 5 1/2-3 1/2.

Adamson Cup Golf

F. Buckle, with a score of 80-12=68, qualified for the Adamson Cup during the September Qualifying Competition at Happy Valley, which was held from September 6 to 15.

R. S. Capell and E. Ey-mard (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
W. J. Skinner and C. A. Lucas (C.S.C.C.)	3	3	0
J. Wardle and E. Hendrick (C.S.C.C.)	3	3	0
E. Bathurst and W. H. Jawit (H.K.C.C.)	3	3	0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Whelkes (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Megson (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
A. M. Rodrigues and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	3	3	0
L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios (C.D.R.)	3	3	0
D. Hollidge and J. Wardle (C.S.C.C.)	6	6	0
C. Lucas and W. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	3	3	0
D. M. A. Razack and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
C. C. Luk and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.)	3	3	0
M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
D. M. A. Razack and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
W. A. Reed and F. J. Remedios (C.D.R.)	3	3	0
Col. Smith and Col. Newnham (A.T.C.)	3	3	0
T. E. Ling and Dr. Ko (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	3	0
B. Agafuroff and C. Sloan (C.S.C.C.)	3	3	0
A. Rahmin and M. R. Abbas (C.R.C.)	3	3	0
W. J. Skinner and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.)	6	6	0
D. Hollidge and C. Sloan (C.S.C.C.)	6	6	0

CRICKET LEAGUE TO CONTINUE

THE HONG KONG Cricket League will be continued this year as before. This was decided at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket League yesterday at the Urban Council Chamber.

ARMY TENNIS

Following were the results of the Second Round of the Army Open Singles Tennis Tournament played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Pte. Stonor (R.A.O.C.) beat L/Cpl. Chalcraft 6-4, 6-3.
Cpl. Alsey (R.S.) beat S/Sgt. Quinell (R.E.) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
S/Sgt. Emberson (R.A.O.C.) beat Bds. Wills (R.S.) 6-3, 6-3.
S/Sgt. Megson (R.E.) beat L/Cpl. Fowler (R.S.) 6-4, 6-4.
Sgt. Webb (R.A.M.C.) beat Cpl. Musson (R.A.M.C.) 6-3, 6-4.
Sgt. Dixon (Signals) beat Bdr. Casey (R.A.) 6-4, 6-1.
S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.) beat L/Cpl. Parnell (R.A.) 6-3, 6-4.
L/Cpl. Shaw (R.E.) beat P. S. M. Green (R.S.) 6-4, 6-3.
Cpl. Stone (R.A.P.C.) beat L/Bdr. Thompson (R.A.) 6-3, 6-4.
L/Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.) beat L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) 6-2, 6-1.
Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) beat Cpl. Martin (R.A.S.C.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Pte. Jenkins (R.S.) beat Cpl. Boocock (R.A.O.C.) 6-3, 6-2.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock was in the chair and the following clubs were represented: K.C.C., Recreio, Army, I.R.C., C.C.C., C.S.C.C., University, Police and H.K.C.C.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been duly passed, the report and accounts were adopted.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of \$172.34 out of which it was proposed to donate \$50 to the Children's Playground Association and \$100 to the British Bomber Fund. In making these proposals the Chairman pointed out that there was a further sum of about \$70 to be collected.

The motions were carried unanimously.

Mr. Hancock was re-elected President, Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., Vice-President and Mr. A. H. Madar Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Except for the Army and the R.A.F., who will not be taking part in the League this season, all the clubs which participated last year stated that they would enter teams as before, i.e. K.C.C. 2, Recreio 2, I.R.C. 2, C.C.C. 2, C.S.C.C. 2, University 2 and Police one.

Asked whether they would like to play in the First Division, the Police representative replied in the negative.

The Annual General Meeting of Civil Service Club will be held in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, September 26.

The Club is in a healthy financial position the last year's working showing a profit of \$3,540.52 after deduction of all expenses and usual depreciation.

Owing to the wives and children of members having been evacuated, it is unlikely that the children's sports will be held this year.

Following are the winners of the various club competitions during the season:

CRICKET

First Eleven—Batting: J. E. Richardson; Bowling: N. B. M. Whitley.
Second Eleven—Batting: G. Ainslie; Bowling: A. Ainslie.

BILLIARDS

Billiards Handicap—J. A. Bendall; Runner-up: L. A. Collyer.
Snooker Handicap—J. Hempsey; Runner-up: M. N. Rakusen.

BOWLS

Championship—M. N. Rakusen; Runner-up: L. A. Collyer.
Singles Handicap—L. A. Collyer; Runner-up: W. J. Burling.
Doubles Handicap—H. E. Strange and M. N. Rakusen; Runners-up: A. E. Shepherd and F. S. Austin.

TENNIS

Club Championship—I. Agafuroff; Runner-up: W. J. Skinner.
Singles Handicap—W. J. Skinner; Runner-up: I. Agafuroff.
Doubles Handicap—I. Agafuroff and D. Hollidge; Runners-up: J. A. Bendall and F. Haynes.
Mixed Doubles—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Collyer; Runners-up: C. Lucas and Mrs. W. J. Skinner.

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Significant Statement By Senor Suner In Berlin

Spain To Join The Axis?

"SPAIN'S POSITION AT PRESENT IS ONE OF NON-BELLIGERENCY BUT THAT MUST NOT BE INTERPRETED AS DISINTERESTEDNESS," SAID SENOR S E R R A N O SUNER, SPANISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR, IN AN INTERVIEW IN BERLIN WITH THE "VOELKISCHER BEOBSACHTER" YESTERDAY, SAYS THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

Senor Suner continued: "Spain has her mission in the new order in Europe and when the right moment comes the leaders in Spain will give the order for action."

As regards the Spanish Empire, "Spain has no demands in Europe since the word demand cannot be applied to what would really be restitution."

Earlier in the interview Senor Suner said his visit to Germany was a sign that Spain was remaining true to her natural policy.

"Victims Of Injustice"

"We have warded off those who formerly attempted to be our masters and now we are free."

"That we are not alone in Europe and that the empire which we have declared to be the aim of our policy cannot be realised by us alone, demands the harmony of other nations."

"Nobody need be surprised that in the hour when we seek associates we turn to those who were victims of the same injustices as we."—Reuter.

LANDED QUITE NICELY

One of the German planes brought down on Sunday was chased onto an R.A.F. aerodrome where, in the words of one of the British airmen, he "landed quite nicely." — Reuter.

MR. GANDHI HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND

MR. GANDHI'S ADDRESS to the All-India Congress Committee in Bombay on Sunday is interpreted in Simla as indicating that the immediate question of relations between

Congress and the Government of India is not regarded by Mr. Gandhi as having been determined with any finality.

The fact that he is prepared again to see the Viceroy suggests he is willing to explore the position further.

The resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee on Sunday is recognised as possessing certain conciliatory aspects.

No Complete Break

In addition, Mr. Gandhi's definite assertion that there is no question of mass civil disobedience has created considerable interest.

The decision of Congress to invest Mr. Gandhi with full powers will, it is felt in official quarters in Simla, tend to obviate the possibility of any abrupt action by Congress that would lead to a complete break with the Government of India.—Reuter.

KUNMING EVACUATED

A SPECIAL DESPATCH FROM KUNMING TO THE LOCAL "TA KUNG PAO" STATES THAT AN INTERNATIONAL TRAIN FOR THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS PULLED OUT OF KUNMING YESTERDAY FOR INDO-CHINA. HOWEVER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FAMILIES OF THE FRENCH STAFF OF THE RAILWAY, OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS WERE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THE YUNNAN CAPITAL.

Kunming remains calm although the authorities are making efforts to depopulate the city.

A report emanating from foreign sources in Kunming reveals that General I. Nishihara, Chief of the Japanese Control Inspectorate in Indo-China, has received fresh instructions from Tokyo to continue negotiations with Vice-Admiral F. De Coux.—Central News.

ITALIANS HARASSED IN EGYPT

A communique issued in Cairo yesterday stated that although the main enemy forces appear to be consolidating their position round Sollum, strong elements of armoured fighting vehicles are now in contact with our advanced troops about Bug-Bug.

Throughout Sunday the enemy was successfully harassed by the R.A.F. and artillery fire from our mobile guns.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A total of 413 cases of cholera were notified in the Colony during the week ending midnight on Saturday, with 146 deaths. The worst areas were old and new Kowloon (381 cases) and Victoria (25 cases).

A total of 41 cases (one imported) was notified during the 24 hours ending at midnight last night.

Tuberculosis figures were also alarming, 194 cases (two imported) and 151 deaths for the week ending Saturday and 53 fresh cases yesterday.

Loud explosions echoed as a salvo of bombs fell on the fringe of central London district last night.

"Door-hopping" as a method of gradual progress through the streets became very necessary in order to escape remnants of shells falling in the streets. Some casualties are reported.

Many families, bombed out of their homes, are not living in the capital—they are merely shifting around.

The latest proposal is that many should find accommodation in empty houses in the city. Unoccupied houses and properties there are already earmarked for this purpose.

Some families are staying with friends or relatives while their houses are being repaired or time-bombs threatening them are dealt with.—Reuter.

German troop carriers, it is reported in New York, are still stealing along the French coast, possibly preparatory to invasion.

The sudden deterioration of the weather and the unimproved performances of the R.A.F., however, have aroused renewed speculation as to whether or not Hitler is hesitant and inclined to wait until the Spring.—Reuter.

Berlin had two air-raid alarms early yesterday morning, but German circles claim that the raids failed.

Villages in the west were bombed, it is added.—Reuter.

A contingent of the United States Navy left Honolulu yesterday for the Pacific Coast, states Colonel Knox, U. S. Secretary of the Navy, who is now in San Diego.

Two other contingents, numbering about 30 vessels each, are following.

Colonel Knox said that each contingent is to remain in United States waters for a fortnight for shore leaves and overhaul.—Reuter.

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